



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 4

## **BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-2010**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

#### **General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4**

Tourism, Hunter

Thursday 17 September 2009

Answers to be lodged by: Tuesday 13 October 2009

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Hearing date	Portfolio	Answer to be lodged by
16 September 2009	Fair Trading, Citizenship	12 October 2009 [21 days]
16 September 2009	Emergency Services, Small Business	12 October 2009 [21 days]
16 September 2009	Planning, Redfern Waterloo	26 October 2009 [35 days]
17 September 2009	Transport, Illawarra	27 October 2009 [35 days]
17 September 2009	Science and Medical Research	13 October 2009 [21 days]
17 September 2009	Health (Cancer)	13 October 2009 [21 days]
17 September 2009	Tourism, Hunter	13 October 2009 [21 days]

**Questions relating to the portfolios of Tourism and the Hunter**

**17 September 2009, 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm**

**Questions from Miss Gardiner**

1. Events NSW
  - a. How much is the retainer paid to Events NSW Chairman Mr John O'Neill by the NSW Government?
  - b. How much is the retainer paid to Events NSW CEO Mr Geoff Parmenter by the NSW Government?
  - c. Are Mr John O'Neill and Mr Geoff Parmenter subject to Key Performance Indicators? If so, what are they?
2. Cruise Industry
  - a. Planning Minister Kristina Keneally stated that the cruise ship terminal would be relocated to White Bay for a minimum of 5 years. As Minister for Tourism do you think this is acceptable?
  - b. As Minister for Tourism do you think that the White Bay facility itself gives overseas and interstate tourists a good first impression of Sydney?
  - c. Do you think this debacle is a result of 'short sightedness' on the part of the Minister for Ports and Waterways?
  - d. If not, how do you think this problem came about?
3. Events
  - a. In June of this year, Ashley Spencer, vice-president of Hilton Hotel's Australasian operations stated that "We (Sydney) should be hosting much more international conventions and sporting events that Melbourne is taking". What initiatives has your department implemented to attract such events?
  - b. John O'Neill's 2007 review of Exhibition and Convention space found that NSW has lost \$218m per year because of inadequate space, what bearing do you think this has on tourism in NSW?
4. Regional Tourism
  - a. Will your department continue the Regional Tourism Partnership Funding Program after it ends in 2011?
  - b. Which three Regional Tourism Organisations are in the Tier 1 level?
  - c. Which ten Regional Tourism Organisations are in the Tier 2 level?
  - d. What is your vision for tourism in regional NSW?